

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 589

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2508

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SU, ET, US

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR:BRIEFING OF GOS

REF: STATE 253190 (NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL, I BRIEFED MINSTATE KIBEIDA  
OCT 28 RE OUR CONTACT WITH ELF REP OCT 22. KIBEIDA EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION AND ASKED WHETHER DIALOGUE WOULD BE CONTINUED.  
I REPLIED WE HAD SO FAR RECEIVED NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BUT  
THAT, IN PRINCIPAL, WE WISHED DEVELOP ANY CHANNEL WHICH  
MIGHT HELP FREE OUR FOUR CITIZENS WITHOUT CONDITIONS. ON  
PERSONAL BASIS, I THEN SAID THAT, AS RESULT OCT 22 CONTACT,  
ELF NOW KNOWS OUR FIRM POSITION DIRECTLY. IT SHOULD BE  
OBVIOUS TO THEM THAT CONTINUED DETENTION HOSTAGES HARDLY  
LIKELY HELP ERITREAN CAUSE. SOME NEW GOS EFFORT INDUCE  
ELF TO SEE REASON MIGHT THUS NOW BE MOST TIMELY. KIBEIDA  
RESPONDED THAT SUDANESE HAVE LIMITED INFLUENCE OVER ERITREANS  
AND THAT GOS WAS WORRIED LEST EPMG BECOME CONCERNED AT  
SUDANESE ROLE. I REPLIED THAT WE WERE OF COURSE KEEPING  
EPMG GENERALLY INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN CASE,  
INCLUDING OUR OCT 22 CONTACT. FAR FROM EXPRESSING CON-  
CERN, ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS HAD EITHER RAISED NO OBJECTION  
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OR EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR EFFORTS (ADDIS 12602;

ASMARA 0903). EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE CASE ON BASIS UNCON-  
DITIONAL RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES WOULD IN FACT APPEAR IN  
GENERAL INTEREST ALL PARTIES. KIBEIDA INDICATED HE WOULD EIE  
WHAT FURTHER MIGHT BE DONE IN TERMS CONTACTING ELF.

2. NOTING TO KIBEIDA THAT ELF REP HAD TOLD US HE HOPED OUR  
DISCUSSIONS COULD REMAIN SECRET, I SAID WE UNDERSTOOD REPRE-  
SENTATIVE HAD IN FACT BRIEFED REUTERS CORRESPONDENT.  
EARLY PUBLICITY THUS APPEARED QUITE LIKELY. IF WE ARE ASKED  
ABOUT IT, WE WILL SIMPLY CONFIRM FACT OF MEETING AND WILL DENY,  
IF ASKED, THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVED. KIBEIDA RAISED NO  
OBJECTION BUT INDICATED HE HOPED STORY WOULD NOT SURFACE.

3. REMINDING KIBEIDA EMBASSY STILL HOLDING FOOD AND MEDICINE  
FOR CISCO TWO, I ASKED WHETHER ANY USEFUL GOS CONTACT  
WITH PLF HAD YET BEEN ESTABLISHED. KIBEIDA SAID HE  
THOUGHT NOT BUT PROMISED INVESTIGATE. I REMINDED HIM  
WE WERE KEENLY INTERESTED IN EXPEDITING THESE PARCELS  
FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. SHOULD QUESTION ARISE, WE WOULD  
ALSO BE PREPARED RESPOND TO ANY PLF DESIRE FOR MEETING AS WE  
HAD WITH ELF.

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